



THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
HELD ON MAY 19, 2010 IN ROOM 374-A
OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

The meeting was called to order by President Janet A. Neal at 1:20 p.m.

Present: President Janet A. Neal; Commissioner John B. Troost; Commissioner Alexia Teran; Commissioner John R. James; Commissioner Harley D. Rubenstein; Commissioner Kecia B. Weller; Commissioner Wendy Welt; Commissioner Sheila D. Wright

Excused Absence: Commissioner Michael G. Gureckas; Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish

Absent: Commissioner Wan Chun Chang

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of April 21, 2010.

On motion of Commission Welt, seconded by Commissioner James, the item was duly carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 – President Neal; Commissioner James; Commissioner Teran; Commissioner Troost; Commissioner Wendy Welt; Commissioner Sheila D. Wright

Noes: 0 – None

Abstention: 1 – Commissioner Weller

Absent: 4 – Commissioner Gureckas; Commissioner Chun Chang
Commissioner Rubenstein; Commissioner Mustelier-Parrish

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II. REPORTS

2. Staffs update report on agenda/minutes format and scheduling with Access Services and Commissioners of Downtown Los Angeles Eligibility Center to better understand the eligibility process and programs available to the public.

President Neal noted there were several Commission members still ill. She requested staff send a card for their quick recovery.

President Neal was pleased with the format of the Minutes. She requested that staff included under the Public Comment portion of the Minutes, the subject matter being addressed. Staff will be sending out the next agenda using the pilot format.

Commissioner Welt made a suggestion that staff post at Room 140, the new location of the meetings. Past constituents may have difficulty locating where the meetings are being held.

Also, staff has received times available for the Downtown Los Angeles Eligibility Center tour. Rhonda will be contacting Commissioners to schedule a tour.

The verbal staff report was received by the Commission.

3. Report by the Executive and Public Relations Committee for the month of April.

No report was presented by the Committees. President Neal requested a status report on the proposed Commission workshop be presented at the next meeting. No action was taken by the Commission.

4. Monthly update report by the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation presentation on enforcement and confiscations of fraudulent use of disabled placards.

City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (City) was not available for its presentation. Commissioner Neal made a motion to request the City present quarterly instead of monthly reports to the Commission.

Therefore, on motion of Commissioner Neal, and by common consent (Commissioners Chang, Gureckas, Mustelier-Parrish and Rubenstein being absent) the item was tabled until such time a report would be available to the Commission.

5. Report by Nominating Committee on the Declaration of Candidacy for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

A Slate of Candidacy was presented by Commissioner Troost of the Nominating Committee. Elections will be held at the meeting of June 16, 2010. The Slate of Candidacy was received and filed with the Commission.

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6. Update report by Events Committee on the Access Awards luncheon and progress with the Bill Tainter and Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Scholarship program.

Individual packages were disseminated to ADHOC Scholarship Committee for review. Commissioners were advised to return the packages at the June meeting but would have to submit their tallies to staff no later than May 24, 2010. This will allow staff to total each selection for approval by the Commission at the June meeting. There were no applications submitted for the Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Scholarship program. The Events Committee is requesting added award nominations be submitted to the Committee as soon as possible. The list of nominees is being constructed for the Board of Supervisors to choose awardees for their District from those nominated by the Commission. The Board of Supervisors has confirmed July 13, 2010 for the Bill Tainter Scholarship Presentation.

The verbal report was received by the Commission.

7. Monthly update report on Transportation Committee by Access Services (ASI) and the Los Angeles County Transportation Authority (METRO).

Kurt C. Hagen summarized the written report of the Access Services' April 26, 2010 Board of Directors meeting and responded to questions posed by the Commission.

Louis Burns, Customer Support Administrator and Giovanna Gogreve of Access Services responded to questions posed by the Commission and members of the public. Several members of the public were referred to Mr. Burns to try and resolve some of their issues that have yet to be resolved.

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8. Monthly update report by ADA County Compliance Office.

Kurt C. Hagen summarized the written report by the ADA County Compliance Office. His report was received and filed with the Commission.

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III. PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSIONS

9. Tribute to William Elkins, Sr., Assistant to Tom Bradley as presented by President Neal.

President Neal paid a tribute to the abundance of information and knowledge given to her by Mr. William Elkins, Sr., who passed earlier in the month. She also paid a tribute to Ms. Lena Horne who has been an inspiration in her life.

No action was taken by the Commission.

10. Presentation on In-Home Supportive Services from the Californians for Disability Rights Chair

On motion of Commissioner Neal, and by common consent (Commissioners Chang, Gureckas, Mustelier-Parrish and Rubenstein being absent), the item was continued to the meeting of June 19, 2010.

11. Approve to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors with suggested language for disabled parking signs within Los Angeles County.

During discussion, President Neal noted reiterated the language suggested by Commissioner Troost for disabled placards signs include language regarding the penalty/fee for illegally parking in the spot. The language would be located underneath the international disabled emblem and would indicate that there are substantial fines for parking at the

Disabled parking space as opposed to indicating the actual amount. President Neal will be making a Public Service Announcement during her radio show to appeal to the public the importance of proper usage of placards and Disabled parking spaces.

After further discussion, on motion of Commissioner Welt, seconded by Commissioner Troost (Commissioners Chang, Gureckas, Mustelier-Parrish and Rubenstein being absent), the item was approved.

12. Approve to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors on lack of service to people with disabilities at the Remote Area Medical (RAM/LA) event held at the Los Angeles Sports Arena.

Due to lack of quorum, the aforementioned recommendation was carried over to the meeting of June 16, 2010.

13. Approve to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors on transportation complaints submitted by constituents.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

14. Items not on the posted agenda, to be presented and placed for discussion/action at a future meeting of the Commission.

- 14A. Recommendation as requested by the President Neal: Discussion to approve support for the City of Los Angeles Department on Disabilities, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 20th Anniversary Celebration to be held July 26, 2010.

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- 14B. Recommendation as requested by the President Neal: Request for a status report on the proposed Commission workshop at the meeting June 19, 2010 for September.

- 14C. Recommendation as requested by Commissioner Rubenstein: Request a report on the Emergency preparedness of Los Angeles County with regards to people with disabilities.

- 14D. Recommendation as requested by Commissioner Rubenstein: Request for a status report of the cost for captioning the KTYM Radio show now being absorbed by President Neal.
15. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on items of interest that is within jurisdiction of the Commission.

Linda Block addressed the Commission concerning alternative choices of elected officials and Measures in Legislation that should be opposed.

Commissioner Rubenstein announced the Special Olympics Summer Games to be held June 12 thru 13, 2010. He is requesting assistance from the Commission to join him in the booth at the event. Commissioner Welt will be there.

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Commissioner Weller announced she was elected President of People First of California.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.